



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Prosperity-Rikard Elementary

Newberry

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 502

Principal: Timothy J. Lyden

Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett

Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2008 | Average | Average | TBD | Not Met | N/A |
| 2007 | Below Average | At-Risk | N/A | Not Met | N/A |
| 2006 | Average | Below Average | N/A | Not Met | N/A |

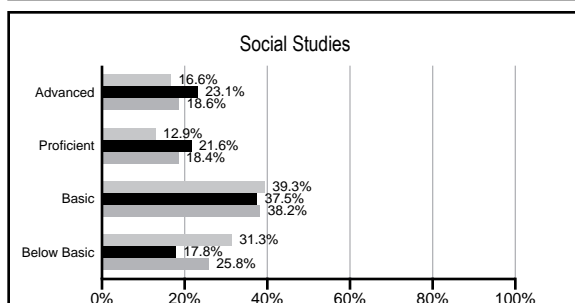
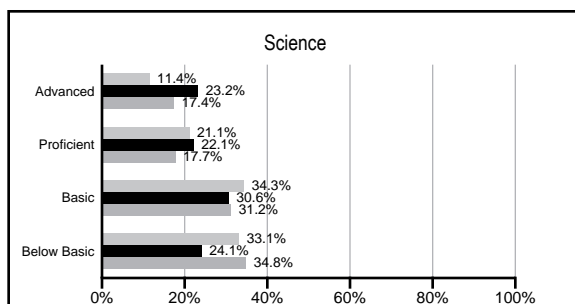
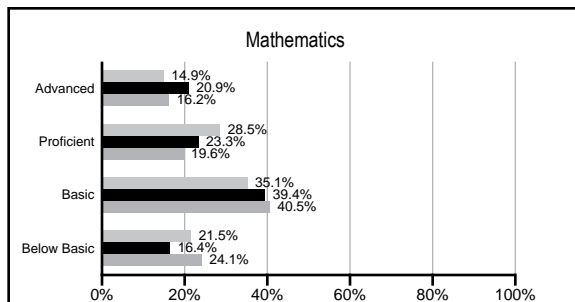
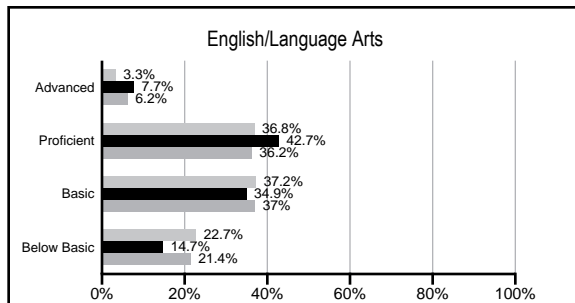
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 1 | 31 | 56 | 3 | 0 |

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

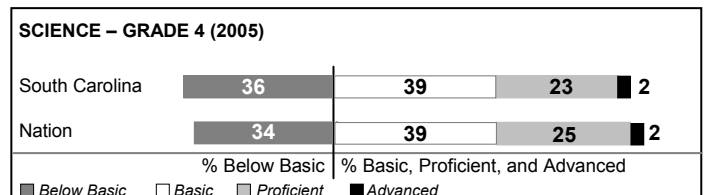
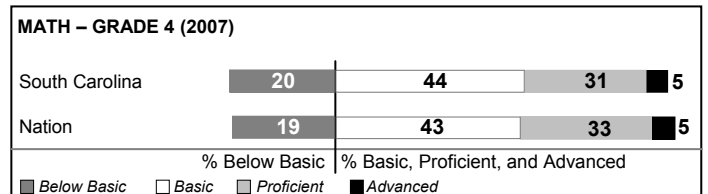
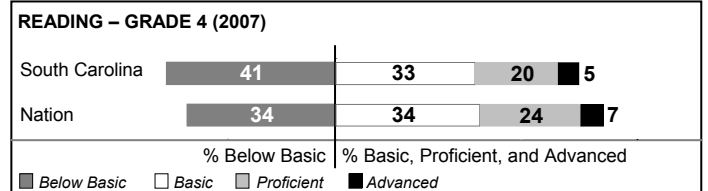
PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Prosperity-Rikard Elementary [Newberry]

SCHOOL PROFILE

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Students (n=502) | | | | |
| Retention rate | 2.4% | Down from 2.5% | 2.1% | 2.3% |
| Attendance rate | 96.6% | Up from 96.5% | 96.4% | 96.3% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 12.6% | Up from 10.7% | 14.7% | 10.4% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 8.4% | Up from 7.2% | 7.0% | 7.5% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n=37) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 81.1% | Up from 78.4% | 57.8% | 56.7% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 83.8% | Down from 86.5% | 79.5% | 77.3% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 88.2% | Up from 86.8% | 88.9% | 86.4% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 93.5% | Down from 94.8% | 94.9% | 94.9% |
| Average teacher salary | \$44,564 | Up 4.0% | \$46,234 | \$45,345 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 3.0 | Up from 2.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 17.4 to 1 | Down from 18.2 to 1 | 19.4 to 1 | 18.5 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 89.8% | Up from 89.0% | 90.2% | 89.8% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Excellent | No Change | Good | Good |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Character development program | Excellent | No Change | Excellent | Excellent |
| Dollars spent per pupil* | \$6,277 | Up 1.2% | \$6,441 | \$7,052 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction* | 77.1% | Down from 77.2% | 69.6% | 69.1% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries* | 71.6% | Down from 73.4% | 65.7% | 64.2% |
| % of AYP objectives met | 94.7% | | 92.3% | 85.7% |

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 34 | 58 | 36 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 100.0% | 91.4% | 85.3% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 97.1% | 82.8% | 88.6% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 100.0% | 87.9% | 83.3% |

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

"The Pride of the Palmetto," the school motto, is a belief shared by all stakeholders of Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School. We are committed to providing a positive, pleasant, and safe learning environment for the 505 students served in grades K-5. Evidence of the level of implementation of the school's motto is illustrated on a daily basis by the dedicated staff, supportive parents, active PTO and School Improvement Council, and contributing business partners. We are one team, with one mission in mind—educating our youth.

Academically, we are making daily efforts to teach students the basics of math, reading, science, and Social Studies. Our model of Integrated Thematic Instruction (ITI) integrates all of the core subjects into our character education and stresses the importance of truthfulness, trustworthiness, active listening, no put-downs, and personal best efforts. It is our hope that we provide the opportunities and instructional experiences that students will learn to develop and apply themselves as responsible and productive life-long learners in every experience that they encounter. We have introduced Individual Graduate Plan (IGP) opportunities for students in developing pathways for career clusters. As part of our community service learning projects, students collected over \$6000 with Jump Rope for Heart; we collected over 3500 canned goods for Manna House; and the Relay for Life Team, which comprised almost the entire faculty and staff and raised nearly \$5000 in the fight against cancer. We have taken major steps in providing additional physical education and exercise for our students and staff. The students were able to use a walking track at various periods of time during the day. Not only is this healthy for the body, but the additional movement and exercise stimulate brain activity. Overall, the students logged 1,500 miles walked during the school year. Staff members also logged hours of exercise they put in after school and on weekends to help them improve their overall fitness and wellness, setting an example of excellence for the students. We have taken steps in school safety by controlling all doors with access pads; all visitors are directed into the building through the office; and we have installed a computerized sign-in system.

Among the challenges facing Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School is access to rapidly-changing technology. With the help of our PTO, every classroom will have a Promethean Board for the next school year. We will provide additional staff development in the area of technology to all staff members. With better access to technology, our teachers will be able to effectively integrate digital resources into the curriculum and will be able to obtain more data on student achievement. This technological support will also enable our teachers to help our students flourish in the digital knowledge world of their future and create more engaging hands-on units of study. We at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School strive to provide a challenging and stimulating educational experience that meets the needs of our students and develops the learners of tomorrow, emphasizing daily successes that help make us the "Pride of the Palmetto."

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